

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on the draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow dredging and fill in the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River in Chesapeake, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: September 4, 2015 to October 5, 2015

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board.

APPLICANT NAMES, ADDRESSES AND PERMIT NUMBER: Seagate Terminals, L.L.C., 1750 E. President Street, Savannah, Georgia 31404, Attn: Mr. Kevin Glover; VWPP No. 14-1667.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Seagate Terminals, L.L.C. has applied for a new permit to construct the Seagate Handling facility which will handle the import/export of bulk materials. The permit will allow the applicant to impact 13.52 acres of non-tidal and tidal wetlands and open water to create the facility. Dredging is proposed to maximum depths of -42 feet and -18 feet mean low water to facilitate navigable access of large ocean-going bulk carriers and barges to the proposed facility wharf. The activities proposed in the permit will affect the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River in the James River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. DEQ's preliminary decision is approve the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS, AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Name: Sheri Kattan, Project Manager; Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality, Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Boulevard, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23462; Phone – 757-518-2156; E-mail Address – sherikattan@deq.virginia.gov; FAX – 757-518-2009. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment.